RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know the name of the gentleman who is given the grant for studying in Germany ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is Mr. Dwarakanatha Aiyangar.

Land route between Kottayam and Alleppey across the Vembanad Lake.

386. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any undertaking was given by any party in respect of the construction of a land route between Kottayam and Alleppey across the Vembanad Lake ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is a proposal to construct a land route between Kottayam and Alleppey ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether one Mr. P. T. Joseph has submitted an undertaking for the construction of the land route ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*) : Mr. P. T. Joseph applied for registry of Q and S blocks and said that if it was granted, he would relinquish his rights over the mud-walls built by him, for the construction of the Alleppey-Kottayam road.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether his undertaking was accepted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It has not been accepted.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether that proposal has been favourably recommended by the Executive Engineer, Kottayam ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I cannot tell whether it has been recommended by the Division Officer, Kottayam. It is for the Government to decide which is the better line.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Irrigation Engineer has reported in favour of the proposal ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The Irrigation Engineer has nothing to do with the line.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Revenue Commissioner has——

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PRESIDENT: Mr. S. J. Nair, every question you are asking on this matter is with the presumption that you are in possession of the reports of every officer of Government. That is not right. The proper question under such circumstances would be "what did such and such officer report" and elicit information from the Government member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has made any report upon this proposal?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I have no information, Sir.

Satram for Muslims at the Cape.

387 ✻ **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a new *satram* for the use of Muslims has been sanctioned at Cape Comorin;

(*b*) if so, where it is to be located;

(*c*) the reason for establishing a *satram* for Muslims now;

(*d*) whether there has been a demand for it;

(*e*) whether admission is denied to Muslims in the *satram* that is now in existence;

(*f*) whether there are *satrams* anywhere in Travancore exclusively for a special caste or community; and

(*g*) whether they propose to build *satrams* for all the major communities of the State at Cape Comorin?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) There are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus.

(*g*) There is a proposal to construct a *satram* for non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus at Cape Comorin.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): With reference to the answer to part (*f*), my question is "whether there are *satrams* anywhere in Travancore exclusively for a special caste or community" and the answer is "There are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus". That is not an answer to my question. I want an answer to my question.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Those *satrams* are not open to others. The answer is that there are *satrams* open only to caste-Hindus.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): My question is whether there are *satrams* exclusively for a special caste or community. I want an answer 'yes' or 'no' to that question.

PRESIDENT: I believe the answer means, if there is any meaning at all, that there are *satrams* which are exclusively reserved for caste-Hindus alone.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May be. There may be *satrams* reserved to one community.

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